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Docket No. GC507-2

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In re Application of

Nathaniel T. Becker, et al.

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Serial No. 09/215,095

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

For:

This communication is responsive to the Office action dated 6 July 1999. A twomonth extension of time accompanies this communication, making this a timely-filed paper.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

In line 1/of claim 1, please change "herein" to -- wherein --.

Please add the following new claims:

--5x. A granule comprising a protein core/comprising a protein matrix, wherein the protein matrix comprises a protein mixed together with a binder and a structuring agent.

The granule of claim 57, wherein said protein comprises an enzyme.